

# OUR NEW SARATOGA

## Colorado Springs and La Font. Another Mammoth Colony Enterprise.

Seventy miles south of Denver, at the base of Pike's Peak, is a spot, the natural attractions of which are unsurpassed in America. Here, within a small area, are the Garden of the Gods, the famous Fremont Soda Springs, Monument Park, the Petrified Forest, Fountaine Farms and many other objects of interest, points of scenic beauty and wonders of nature. Here, too, is the natural ascent of Pike's Peak and entrance to South Park. Professor Hayden, in his report to the Government on the geological survey of Colorado and New Mexico, says: "I do not know of any portion of the west where there is so much variety displayed in the geology as within a space of ten miles square around Colorado City. Nearly all the elements of geological study revealed in the Rocky Mountains are shown on a unique scale in this locality."

The "Garden of the Gods," famous the country over, pillars of granite, the relics of mountains washed and worn by waters and winds, stand sentinelled about upon the bare closing bluffs of the hills, with forms of such majesty and personality as arouses one's wonder and deepens curiosity into awe.

In speaking of the Soda Springs, three miles from Colorado City, he says: The scenery around them is grand beyond any I have ever seen in the vicinity of any other medicinal springs. There are four of them. The first is close to the road, within fifty feet of the creek, and is one of the richest in the world, containing an ounce of medicated matter to every gallon of water. It will be called the Galen Spring, and was formerly known as the "Beast." About one hundred yards above this first spring is the second one, on the right side of the creek. This is much the largest, and has formed a basin six or eight feet across, from the centre of which boils up a violent current. This will be known as the "Great Spring," for bething purposes. On the opposite side of the creek, not more than twenty-five feet from the "Great Spring," and located about ten feet above it, is a third small spring. The water is stronger than that of the others, and is used principally for drinking purposes. It will be known as the "Iron Spring." The fourth spring is perhaps fifty feet above the second, on the right side of the creek, and within four feet of the water's edge. Its waters are rather chalybeate than otherwise. A noticeable feature of this spring is the small per cent. of sulphur. The ebullition of gas is enormous, and keeps the water in a constant state of agitation. The spring bursts out from a syenetic rock, but by the overflow of its waters it has covered the latter with a crust of carbonate of lime several feet in thickness, and much broader than at the celebrated High Rock Spring of Saratoga. Prof. Hayden says he never saw so violent an escape of gas except from the Salina near Kissingen in Bavaria; and further adds that as these springs must at some period become a celebrated and popular resort for invalids and tourists from all parts of the world, he appends an analysis of a fragment of incrustation from one of them:

Carbonate of lime.....	91.25
Carbonate of magnesia.....	1.21
Sulphate of lime, chloride of calcium, chloride of magnesia.....	.20
Silica.....	1.50
Vegetable matter.....	.20
Moisture and loss.....	4.61

100.00

At 11 o'clock, when the temperature of the air was 73°, that of the water was 60.5. At sunset, when the temperature of the air was 66°, that of the lower spring was 58°, and that of the upper 61°.

The wonders of the "Garden of the Gods," the "Petrified Forest," "Monument Park," the looming grandeur of "Pike's Peak," the beauties of the South

Park country, so accessible from Colorado Springs, would require columns to depict. They are wonders enough to make this region famous the world over; but are in fact only some out of the many attractions grouped about Pike's Peak.

It would seem fitting that this, the most attractive part of the new west, should be chosen as the place for a colony; and fully impressed with this fact, some eastern capitalists have formed a company called the "Fountaine Colony of Colorado." The stock is fixed at \$300,000, of which \$200,000 is already subscribed. Gen. R. A. Cameron, well-known as the chief promoter of the success of the Greeley Colony, is Vice President and General Superintendent of the "Fountaine Colony;" William P. Mellen of New York, Treasurer; E. S. Nettleton, late of Greeley, Chief Engineer; William E. Pabor, Secretary. These gentlemen with a corps of surveyors, started Tuesday for the south to lay off a new town two miles from Colorado City, easily accessible to all these resorts, and to be a leading station on the Denver and Rio Grande Railway. The new town will be called Colorado Springs. As soon as surveys are finished, a town plot will be made, and pamphlets and maps showing the position, objects and proposed workings of the "Fountaine Colony" will be published. So readily have the advantages of the location, and the evident grand success of the scheme commended themselves that already a gentleman of some means has purchased a stock of general merchandise to start in trade in the new town; a large hotel will be put up; several parties are waiting to start into business. The surrounding country is such that not only will Colorado Springs be a pleasure resort, but must also be an important business point. The stock and lumber regions naturally centre their trade to such a locality as this. An important industry will be the raising of early vegetables and small fruits for the Denver and mountain markets, it having been shown from experience that the mild climate of this section of Colorado makes it well adapted to fruit culture. A new and to-be-an-important business will be the bottling of the waters from the springs to supply all markets in the Mississippi Valley, competing in the West and possibly in the far East also, with the famed waters of Saratoga, Missisquoi, and Middletown. A large bottling establishment will be erected for the prosecution of this industry; and a village to be called La Font will be set off at the springs, and a fine carriage drive will be built between it and the railroad station.

The promoters of this grand enterprise are fully at work. Having purchased the springs, some 500 eligible acre villas on the Fountaine and 10,000 acres on Monument Creek, they have at command all that the colony will need for its successful working. Business men of large experience are fully identified with the "Fountaine Colony," and it starts off under the most promising auspices. It may be of interest to our readers if we state that in searching the territories through for a location for the Greeley Colony, this very point was the first choice of the projectors of that enterprise but the lands were held by speculators at so high a price as to make the purchase at that time out of the question. This favored section of Colorado has long been known and esteemed the most attractive and wonderful in the west, and now that it is to be opened to colonization, accessible by railroad before the summer ends, must result in turning the tide of population in that direction and making it speedily an important and popular resort.

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